

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 21

LOCAL NEWS.

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For this section local rains, winds generally easterly, except variable in southern Virginia, stationary temperature.

ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER ARROWSMITH.—When the steamer T. V. Arrowsmith left her wharf here yesterday morning for Colonial Beach she had over 400 people on board, composed mostly of women and children from this city and Washington. Everything went smoothly until Lower Cedar Point was reached and a turn was being made to cross to Colonial Beach, when three heavy reports, following in quick succession, were heard. The noise was like that of a gun, and the boat came to with a suddenness and force that nearly shook people off their seats. Following this came a rush of steam with a light hissing sound. Immediately a panic seized the passengers; women became terror-stricken and the children clung closely to their parents, and made the scene more appalling by their loud cries. Capt. Entwistle, as soon as he heard the first report, went among the people and told them quietly that there was no occasion for fear; his officers and crew following in like manner did everything to suppress excitement and succeeded fairly well. The band was ordered to play a lively tune in the hope of allaying the fears of the passengers. The racks where the life preservers were stored, however, were soon emptied of them by the people, and in a brief space of time they were seen fitted to the bodies of men, women and children. Capt. Entwistle immediately had the anchor dropped, while the engineer opened the steam escape valves to make the boilers safe. A quick glance at the machinery showed that the cause of the accident was due to the breaking of the cross head and the link connections of the walking beam, which knocked a hole in the cylinder. Had the accident occurred on the descending instead of the ascending stroke, a hole would have been stove in the bottom of the steamer, which would have ended, doubtless, in the loss of life. Capt. Michael White, of the steamer Bishop, being but a short distance astern, saw that something was wrong with the Arrowsmith. He ordered Pilot William Luckett to bring the steamer close up to the disabled vessel. In a short space of time the Bishop was alongside the injured steamer. The presence of the Bishop restored the confidence of the terribly excited and frightened people, as they realized that help was at hand. The gang plank was hardly laid when the people on the Arrowsmith made a rush for the Bishop. Capt. Entwistle and White stood by the gangway and did their utmost to make the people pass over in an orderly way, but it was no use. Many men jumped over the rails, and the women crowded each other in their desperate efforts to get on the Bishop. The rush was so great that the two captains several times were nearly forced overboard. The passengers were hardly removed when the steam rushed through the engine room and soon filled the upper deck of the Arrowsmith. The Bishop took the passengers to Lower Cedar Point, which was close by. No one was injured, but it was a miracle that an accident did not happen at the gang plank. Quite a number of the men and women did not regain their senses until a long time after they were ashore. One large stout Irish woman was so overjoyed at her rescue that she hugged Capt. White repeatedly and showered many a "God bless you" on him. Capt. Entwistle and his officers and crew worked hard to calm the fear of their passengers, and by their efforts saved several people from doing many very rash and foolish things. The Bishop, on arriving at this port, hailed the tug Templar and sent her down to the assistance of the Arrowsmith. When the Bishop reached Washington, shortly before 10 o'clock last night, the nine hundred people on board held a meeting and passed resolutions of thanks to Capt. White, Pilot Wm. Luckett, Engineer Louis Thornton, Mate John Luckett, and the brave crew for their valiant work and timely rescue. Capt. Entwistle and his officers and men were also remembered. The rumor at one time prevailed in Washington that the Arrowsmith had sunk with all on board.

The accident was caused by a flaw in the cross-head, and not to racing, as was at first reported. There was no occasion for carrying extra steam as the Northampton was some distance ahead of the Arrowsmith and the Bishop behind. The piston was being forced upward, and the cross-tree gave way, which bent the piston, damaging the cylinder and otherwise injuring the machinery. Engineer Fox was standing on the cylinder engaged in oiling the piston when the accident occurred, and was thrown by the concussion to the engine room below, a distance of fifteen feet. He was uninjured. The Arrowsmith arrived here at an early hour this morning in tow of the tug Templar. The machinery of the steamer is now being examined by Mr. W. S. Moore, and the extent of the damage cannot now be ascertained, nor is it known whether the boat will be repaired here or elsewhere. It will take some time to put her in running order again, and in the meantime an attempt will be made to place another boat on the Colonial Beach route.

The steamer J. W. Thompson which was in the vicinity at the time of the accident offered to take the passengers of the Arrowsmith over to Colonial Beach and bring them back on her trip up the river to-day, but the kind offer of the captain of the Thompson was declined as the passengers wished to return home last night.

END OF THE MURDER TRIAL.—As stated in the GAZETTE, the case of Douglas, Wesley and Alfred Kidwell and Alfred Barrett, charged with the murder of George Wertenbaker, a brakeman on the A. & W. R. R., at St. Asaph Junction, on the 5th inst., was given to the jury yesterday evening shortly after 4 o'clock, and the judge announced that he would be in readiness to receive the verdict at any time up to 9 o'clock that night. The court room was then cleared and the jury allowed to remain there on account of the heat. They took supper, as usual, at the Opera House restaurant, and after their return to the court room, about 8 o'clock, made known to City Sergeant Smith that they had agreed upon a verdict. Judge Meade was at once notified and immediately proceeded to the court room and resumed his seat upon the bench. Messrs. Brent and Greene, the prisoners' counsel, Mr. Marbury, Commonwealth's Attorney, the court officers and a large number of spectators were also present and awaited the entrance of the jury. When they came into court and took their seats in the box, Judge Meade warned the spectators that whatever might be the nature of the verdict it must be received with decorum and that no demonstration would be allowed. The

clerk, Mr. J. S. Beach, then asked the jury if they had agreed, whereupon Mr. F. L. Brockett, who had been chosen foreman, replied that they had and handed the clerk the following:

We, the jury, find Alfred Kidwell, Wesley Kidwell and Alfred Barrett not guilty, and as to Douglas Kidwell guilty of involuntary manslaughter, and assess his punishment at \$5 fine and three months in jail.

The verdict was read by the clerk and received without any marked demonstration by the spectators, after which Mr. Greene thanked the jury on behalf of the accused. Alfred and Wesley Kidwell, and Alfred Barrett were then discharged, and Douglas Kidwell turned over to an officer to be taken to jail.

Before ordering the discharge of the parties on trial Judge Meade, addressing them, said:

"I am about to order your discharge from arrest and restoration to liberty and your friends. Having been acquitted, it is not for me to lecture you or comment upon your conduct in connection with the offense you have been charged with. But it is my right in ordering your release, in all kindness, for your own sake and for the sake of those dear to you, to urge in all the future you will keep in mind the danger of the accused intoxicating cup that has been instrumental in involving you in such fearful trouble."

The verdict of the jury, last night and to-day, has been variously criticized, both favorably and adversely, but the most prevalent opinion is that it was in accordance with the facts as brought out by the evidence in the case.

It is said that the prisoners' counsel would not have consented to a trial at this term of the court had they not felt certain that they had evidence which would result in an acquittal of their clients.

To-day Wm. Kidwell, one of the accused, who had elected to be tried separately, was discharged from custody, the Commonwealth having entered a nolle pros. in his case.

DELEGATES ELECTED.—Democratic ward meetings were held last night to select delegates to the State convention, which is to meet in Roanoke on the 4th prox. The meetings were not largely attended and but little interest was taken in the proceedings.

In the First ward the meeting was held at Concordia Hall, and was presided over by Major Geo. Duffey, while Mr. R. T. Cook acted as secretary. A resolution was adopted allowing the delegates in case of their inability to attend the convention to name their own alternates, whereupon Messrs. G. O. Monroe and Hubert Snowden were elected delegates. Messrs. J. S. B. Thompson and W. B. Dobie were elected members of the city democratic committee. The Second ward meeting was held in the old Sun engine house. Mr. H. Strauss presided, and Mr. R. M. Latham acted as secretary. Messrs. L. Marbury and Geo. E. Cox were elected delegates, and Geo. E. Price and F. E. Corbett alternates. Messrs. L. Marbury and G. T. Price were chosen members of the city democratic committee. The Third ward meeting was held at the old court house, and was fairly attended. It was presided over by Robt. W. Ballenger, and Taylor Arnold acted as secretary. The following delegates were elected: Chas. E. Stuart, Julian W. Holt, Samuel G. Brent and Robt. W. Ballenger. Messrs. Wm. H. Smith and Robt. W. Ballenger were elected members of the city democratic committee. It was resolved that the delegates have the power to appoint their own alternates.

In the Fourth ward the meeting was held at the Friendship engine house. Mr. Jas. McCuen was called to the chair, and Mr. Orlando Strands acted as secretary. Messrs. J. E. Smoot and Richard Rowland were elected delegates, and Henry Daingerfield and John Taliaferro alternates. The meeting adjourned without choosing members of the city democratic committee.

BISCOE SENTENCED.—Ex-Judge Magruder, counsel for defense, not having filed his exceptions within the time allowed, the appeal in the case of Biscoe, the murderer of Captain Dixon, was considered to be abandoned, and Judge Stone at Port Tobacco on Tuesday, sentenced the prisoner to be hanged. When asked if he had anything to say why the sentence of death should not be passed, the prisoner answered: "No, sir; only I don't want the sentence of death passed upon me." The judge said, "You have had two trials and two juries have, without any hesitancy, found you guilty of the murder of Captain Dixon. The court has heard every word of the testimony and views it as an atrocious crime, without any justification whatever or excuse." After being taken back to jail Biscoe said he had never yet told the truth of the killing, and that no one would ever know now, unless it would stop his being hung. He said he was sure he would have been out long ago had he been a white man, but being poor and black he had no friends except his lawyers, who had done all they could for him, and Sheriff Simpson, who had acted fairly and kindly to him.

CUT IN THE THROAT.—Persons who arrived here from down the river to-day report that a difficulty occurred at Colonial Beach on Tuesday evening between Mr. M. Bossart of this city and a Mr. Howard, who was employed as a policeman at that place, in which the latter was dangerously cut in the throat by the former. It is said that Howard had been employed by Mr. Bossart for some time past, but on Monday became dissatisfied, gave up his place and went to work for some one else. The next evening the two men met when Bossart asked Howard what he was doing there. The latter replied that he was at a public place and also an officer, when hot words ensued followed by blows. Bossart then drew a knife and cut Howard in the throat inflicting a dangerous wound. A warrant it was said was issued for the arrest of Bossart, but it is not known what was the result of the trial.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.—In Washington yesterday Officer Hathaway arrested a man, about thirty-one years of age, near the corner of 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue, and locked him up on two charges of indecent assault. He was arrested on complaint of a colored girl, who charged him with assaulting her twin sisters, Amanda and Minnie Brown, who live in South Washington. The girls are thirteen years of age. The prisoner gave his name as Samuel P. Kendall, and said he was from Alexandria. He afterwards said that his name was not Kendall, but refused to tell what it was. The girls claim that Kendall met them in the Smithsonian Grounds on Tuesday and attempted to outrage them, but was prevented by the approach of a watchman. Kendall denies the charge, but he is held for a hearing in the Police Court to-day.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was warm and cloudy, with a shower of rain about 4 o'clock this morning. There were two lodgers and one prisoner at the station house. The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

Robert Harris, colored, arrested by officers Brenner and Simpson for assaulting J. H. Gaines, colored, with stones, was fined \$2.

Mont DeVaughan, charged with an assault on Captain E. S. Randall, of the steamer Mary Washington, had his case continued.

The owner of a dog, arrested for not having taken out a license, was discharged upon procuring a license.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge N. B. Meade presiding.—Com. vs. Douglas, Wesley and Alfred Kidwell and Alfred Barrett, indictment for murder; jury and verdict of not guilty as to Wesley and Alfred Kidwell and Alfred Barrett, and guilty of involuntary manslaughter as to Douglas Kidwell, with punishment at three months in jail and \$5 fine.

Com. vs. William Kidwell, indictment for murder; nol. pros. entered by Commonwealth.

A. J. Ferguson vs. J. M. Peake, debt; judgment for plaintiff.

Court adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Barton Pattie, of Atlanta, is in the city on a visit to friends.

Mrs. R. W. Avery and family leave this evening for Capon Springs to remain during the summer season.

Miss Lucy Wooden, of Warrenton, is visiting friends in the city.

Dr. Bedford Brown has returned from Rock Enon Springs, where he went to see his wife, who has been quite sick there. Mrs. B. is improving.

Miss Nellie Vincent has gone to Baltimore, where she will spend the rest of the summer with friends and relatives.

DIVORCED.—Judge Merrick, in Washington Wednesday, made a decree of divorce in the case of R. Lambert against Annie C. Lambert. They were married August 29, 1878, at Staunton, and they lived together till May, 1883, when she suggested that she be sent to a convent in Canada, and he furnished the means, and subsequently she deserted his children in Cleveland, O., where she is now an inmate of a house of ill-fame.

PROPERTY SALE.—Capt. S. English has sold to Mr. Geo. Peveril a lot 29 feet front, just south of the Free Methodist church, on Lee street, between Wolfe and Wilkes, for \$150.

ALEXANDRIA RACERS TO THE FRONT.—Two interesting races will take place on the Brightwood track to-morrow, commencing at 2 p. m., between horses owned exclusively in Alexandria. The first race will be mile heats, best three in five, between Bobby Burns and Clarence, for \$200. The second race will also be mile heats, best three in five, between grey gelding Star Pilot, bay gelding G. R. Bell, bay mare Sally and brown mare Sadie Cook. All six of the contesting horses are owned by gentlemen of this city, and the races will be of unusual interest, as the horses are thought to be very evenly matched. Conveyances to the races will leave Chatham's livery stable at 1:15 p. m.

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Depot (Quartermaster's Office, Washington, D. C., July 20th, 1887.)

Sealed proposals, in triplicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, August 20th, 1887, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of bidders, for furnishing and delivering during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1888, such FUEL, FORAGE and STRAW as may be required at Fort Myer, Va. Bids and full information as to bidding, &c., will be furnished on application to this office.

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W. H. HANTZMAN, Supt. of Gas.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Alexandria, Va., July 14, 1887.

In accordance with an ordinance of the City Council, approved August 17, 1881, BIDS FOR REMOVING THE NIGHT SOIL OF THE CITY for two years from the 1st day of August, 1887, subject to the provisions of said ordinance and all other ordinances of the city, will be received at this office until the 25th instant, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, when they will be opened.

JNO. B. SMOOT, Mayor.

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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

During such weather as now experienced "Letters from Hell" is refreshing reading.

It is understood that the steamer Northampton will after to-day discontinue her trips to Chapel Point.

The trial of John Curran, indicted for the murder of Police Officer Arnold, will not take place at this term of the Corporation Court.

The burning of some rubbish on the farm of Mr. C. M. Adams, on Shuter's Hill, last night gave rise to the report that one of the buildings on the place had been destroyed by fire.

The Good Templars of Fauquier county will hold their annual bush meeting in a grove near Marshall, beginning August 9th and continuing three days.

Captain Rush R. Wallace, U. S. N., present commandant of the Washington navy yard, will, it is said, be relieved from duty in September. His successor will be Capt. Richard W. Meade, U. S. N.

Persons from this city who attended the excursion given to Marshall Hall yesterday by the knights of labor of Washington, say that it was a very mixed affair, as the whites and blacks mingled too freely to suit them.

The Committee on Streets met last night, but failed to award the contract for renumbering the houses of the city for the reason that some of the bidders asked for more time to submit samples of numbers. The committee adjourned to meet to-morrow night.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Thomas A. Ayre and Rosa Payne, both of Fairfax county; Peter F. Bowman and Martha A. Punnel, of Lynchburg; Richard H. Lewis and Minnie A. Smith, of Fredericksburg, and to Raphael Bierman and Fannie Kemp, both of Norfolk.

To-day is the 26th anniversary of the battle of Bull Run.

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A CARD.

The jurors in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Douglas Kidwell et al. desire to express their thanks to City Sergeant William H. Smith for his kind attention to their wants during the heated term in which they were required to perform jury service in said case, and it is due to Sergeant Smith that we bear testimony in this public manner to his faithful performance of duty in this important office. Sergeant Smith was ably assisted by his deputies, Braxton B. Smith and Ferdinand J. Travers, to whom the jurors are indebted for many courtesies. The thanks of the jurors are also extended to Louis Brill, Jr., of Brill's Opera House, for the sumptuous fare furnished them during the trial, and respectfully recommend this celebrated restaurant to the patronage of the public.

S. H. Lunt, F. L. Brockett, George T. Price, Simon Blondheim, John Harlow, Henry Baader, William M. Javins, John L. Smith, L. M. Adams, B. F. Penn, T. J. Edelen.

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For Catalogue address

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JULY 12th, 1887.

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